

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2010
MEADOWEDGE COUNTRY CLUB
WEST SAYVILLE, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Vice Chairman, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph Montuori	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Tom Malanga	Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Dept.
Janet Longo	Acquisitions Supervisor, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Management
Greg Moran	Legislator Nowick's Office
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Chairman Dawson called the meeting to order. He recognized Greg Moran from Legislator Norwick's office.

PUBLIC PORTION

There were not any members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18th, 2010

Under Public Portion change second paragraph to read: "Trustee McKay mentioned that Trustee White could not attend today's meeting as he had a prior commitment to attend a meeting regarding the Montauk Lighthouse with Admiral Neptune of the Coast Guard in Boston".

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee Hollborn and seconded by Trustee McKay. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

Lauretta Fischer proposed one acquisition. A colored site map was distributed describing the property.

Robert Cushman Murphy Park Addition – Pine Barrens Core

The acquisition of 5.037 acres in the Hamlet of Calverton, Town of Riverhead. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Open Space Preservation Program.

A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Cardillo and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- Golf rounds are up by 8,100.
- Work in front of the administration building and parking lot is complete. Parks staff did an excellent job.
- The White Course at Timber Point Golf Course has been closed due to heavy usage this year.
- An RFP for a Concessionaire at Indian Island was sent out this month.
- The Duck Lighting ceremony is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 PM.
- A Duck Blind Dedication was held at Southaven.
- The Commissioner toured the Cedar Island Lighthouse with Richard Martin and Bill Bleyer. A story should be coming out in Newsday shortly.

Proposal from the Village of Lindenhurst

Deputy Commissioner Bellone distributed proposals to the Trustees from the Village of Lindenhurst. There is a County Park parcel on Wellwood Avenue just north of the railroad that the Village of Lindenhurst has developed into a Village Square with a gazebo where they hold their village events. During the last storm, their gazebo blew down. There is a proposal by the Village to re-erect their gazebo and to build a replica of the Original Railroad Station in the Village. This replica will house public restrooms and a small meeting room/security office.

A motion to approve the proposal for the Village of Lindenhurst to re-erect their gazebo and build a replica of the Original Railroad Station in the Village was made by Trustee Hollborn and seconded by Trustee Cardillo. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dawson asked about the status of a letter he submitted last month regarding a request from the Town of Islip to have fireworks on a County beach. Trustee Engel reported the request went to the County Executive's office and is under review in the County Attorney's office. The County Attorney's office is reviewing the liability issue.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee Sickles asked about the status of the dog park 'someone' proposed for Gardiners County Park. Commissioner Montuori responded he is waiting for Legislator Cilmi to get back to him on this issue.

Trustee Sickles asked how the camping season went. Commissioner Montuori responded the numbers were down in part as a result of closing two parks, Blydenburgh and Southaven and as a result of the West Nile Virus.

Trustee Cardillo asked about the beach numbers. Commissioner Montuori responded the numbers were up.

Trustee Sickles asked about the status of renaming Theodore Roosevelt County Park to Third House County Park. Trustee White responded that Legislator Schneiderman preferred changing the name of Theodore Roosevelt County Park to Montauk County Park. Bill Atkin, who represents the Concerned Citizens of Montauk, said they could live with Montauk County Park. Legislator Schneiderman also said that Third House should officially be named Third House and within Montauk County Park would be the Lindley House, Third House, Shagwong Beach, etc.. The umbrella park would be Montauk County Park.

Lauretta Fischer said the renaming of a County park has to go to Committee and then Legislator Schneiderman can present it to the Legislature.

Trustee Borden congratulated Commissioner Montuori on his election as Fire Commissioner of East Islip.

Trustee McKay said at the last meeting he inquired about a start date for repair work at Fuchs Pond. Terry Maccarrone had reported that there was no start date. Trustee McKay read in the newspapers that the contractor had started work at Fuchs Pond. He called Nick Gibbons and apparently no one at Parks was notified that the work had started. Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported that as a result of that, the Parks Department called the Department of Public Works regarding better communication. The Parks Department had to notify the Town of Huntington. Trustee McKay said it would have been nice if someone would have informed us of what was going on.

Trustee White extended congratulations to Commissioner Montuori on a successful run as Fire Commissioner.

Tom Malanga reported the Parks Foundation is having an Earth Day Awards Dinner on Earth Day, April 22nd, 2011. He would appreciate any suggestions for honorees. At the next Trustees meeting, Tom Malanga will present the Parks Foundation Budget and Program for 2011.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2011 at Meadowedge in West Sayville.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Cardillo. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.